

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: John Brown's Store Inventory Number: BA-2792
 Northeast corner, Falls Road and Shawan
 Road (called Tufton Avenue west of Falls
 Address: Road City: Cockeysville (Hunt Valley) Zip Code: 21030
 County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore County, Cockeysville Quadrangle
 Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? NO
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Branchwater Farm Agency: Federal Communications Commission
 Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ yes ☐ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: Worthington Valley NR District

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☒ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Library of Maryland Historical Trust, topographical map only.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property locally known as "John Brown's Store" was most recently observed and photographed in February, 2003. No documentation of the property was available in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust beyond a topographic map. It is, however, a distinctive landmark of long-standing. The store and a small adjoining building are constructed of local Butler stone. The smaller building was at one time a gasoline filling station, and the store has served its community for many years. A wood-framed garage/barn structure of similar vintage is located northeast of and behind the store.

The property has been lovingly maintained. The store now houses a grocery/liquor/delicatessen/gourmet shop. The character of the original buildings is intact, inside and out. More diligent research will surely confirm that the

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: Contributes to NR-listed district

Reviewer: James J. Kelly Office of Preservation Services

5/23/03

Date

5/24/03

Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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property is a contributing resource to its historic district, and the quality of its design and construction support its qualifications for eligibility for registration under the terms of Criterion C: Design/Construction.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 04.22.03



MIHP NUMBER: BA-2792

LOCATION: BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TAKEN BY: KATHRYN ELGIN

DATE: FEB 2003

LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: MARYLAND SHPO 1

BA-2792

Reisterstown, MD 21136

02-03

16/22A

14033

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

BA-2792

DOE yes no

(indicate preferred name)

historic John Brown's Store

and/or common

street & number 13501 Falls Road _____ not for publication

city, town	Cockeysville	x	vicinity of	Councilmanic District	3
				congressional district	2

state Maryland county Baltimore Co.

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name E. Fenwick, T. Whedbee, D. White (c/o D. White)

street & number 1211 John Street telephone no.: 410-669-2856

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21217-4114

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber SM 8394

street & number	401 Bosley Avenue	folio	261
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<u>city, town</u>	Towson	<u>state</u>	MD 21204
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title No previous study.

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____

depository for survey recordsCity, town state

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ **EXCELLENT**
☐ **GOOD**
☐ **FAIR**

☐ **DETERIORATED**
☐ **RUINS**
☐ **UNEXPOSED**

CHECK ONE

☒ **UNALTERED**
☐ **ALTERED**

CHECK ONE

☒ **ORIGINAL SITE**
☐ **MOVED** **DATE** _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Brown Store is a fieldstone structure in the Cape Cod tradition, one and a half stories with gable-roofed dormers to light the upper level. The building is L-shaped in footprint,, set at an angle to Falls Road. The small store windows have mullions and muntins and an subdued, inside, neon sign. The n buildingmmaterial is apparently Butler quartzite.

Somewhat similar cottages of fieldstone occupy the SW and SE corners, forming a group. There is also a separate, rectangular, flat-roofed stone structure used as a dry-cleaning pick-up establsihment. That structure has a rugged appearance typical of roadside structures of the early automobile era. Both structures were designed to fit into the rural setting within sight of the elegant, Federal style Shawan House on the nearby hill, just west of Falls Road.

Architect of the other buildings on C. Wilbur Miller's large estate was James R. Edmonds, Jr., although the first wave of building took place in 1929.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
1937	

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

John Brown's Store at the NE corner of Falls and Shawan Roads has been a familiar fixture since 1937. Traditions cited by one of its owners holds that a store has stood here since 1740, the log predecessor building having survived until 1937.

Falls Road seems to be a road of considerable antiquity, probably a link in the rolling road that passed through Brooklandville that was mentioned as early as 1720 (1) The lower part of Falls Road leading to the port was already old when upgraded into a turnpike road in 1805. The General Assembly never allowed the privately owned toll road to be improved from Brooklandville to Shawan and on to the Carroll County line.

Three of the four corners near the Shawan mansion were occupied by well crafted stone structures in a Colonial Revival tradition. The present owners intend to sell the store separately from the surrounding property but wish to control its future use by landmark designation. The NW corner is used as a produce market for the products of the adjoining Shawan farm.

NOTE:

1. William B. Marye, "The Place Names of Baltimore and Harford Counties," Maryland Historical Magazine, 25 (December 1930): 338.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA-2792

No known sources.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acresQuadrangle name CockeysvilleQuadrangle scale 1:24,000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

RegULAR sided parcel at NE corner of Shawan Road and Falls Roads. See Tax Map 41, Grid 16, Parcel P158.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
None			

state	code	county	code
None			

11. Form Prepared By

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